

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

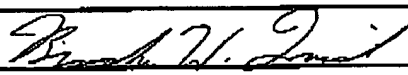
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

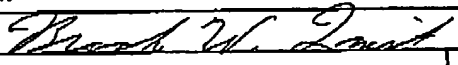
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/746,854	RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER FEB 01 2006
	Filing Date	December 22, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	James W. Morrow et al.	
	Art Unit	2181	
	Examiner Name	Patel, Niketa I.	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	10	Attorney Docket Number	10407-476

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks 		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm	Brown Rayzman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP		
Signature			
Printed Name	Brooke W. Quist		
Date	February 1, 2006	Reg. No.	45,030

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.			
Signature			
Typed or printed name	Brooke W. Quist	Date	February 1, 2006

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

FEB 01 2006 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James W. Morrow *et al.* **Examiner:** Patel, Niketa I.
Application No.: 09/746,854 **Group Art Unit:** 2181
Filing Date: December 22, 2000 **Office Action Date:** November 1, 2005
Docket No. 10407-476 **Confirmation No.** 7292
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING
REAL TIME CONTROL OF PERIPHERAL DEVICES **Customer No.** 30076

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. In the present Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-20, 22-27, and 29-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nair *et al.* (USPN 6,675,226). Claims 5, 21 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nair *et al.* (USPN 6,675,226) and further in view of Microsoft Computer Dictionary, page 543.

Claims 1, 12, 19, and 24 have been amended. No claims have been added or deleted. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.